29 July 2025

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Wellington City Council
Me Heke Ki Pōneke

File Ref: IRC-8694

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Tēnā koe [redacted],

Thank you for your email dated 4 July 2025 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

> *I am seeking aggregated data on how many members of the public have been blocked from interacting with Mayor Tory Whanau's official social-media accounts.*
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> *I request the following information:*
> - *A list of every social-media account (e.g., Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok, Threads, or any other platform) that is:*
>   - *operated or administered by Wellington City Council or the Mayor's office for the purpose of the Mayor's official communications; and*
>   - *currently active as at 4 July 2025.*
> - *For each account identified above, the total number of user accounts that are blocked from viewing or interacting with that account as at 4 July 2025.*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

As of 4 July 2025, the Mayor holds four social media platforms in her official capacity as the Mayor of Wellington. Below is a list of these platforms, including the number of accounts that have been blocked on each.

Instagram – 296 profiles blocked

LinkedIn – 77 profiles blocked

Facebook – 284 profiles blocked

Bluesky – 7 profiles blocked

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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